# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

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Civil No. 1:10-cv-1601 (ADM/JSM) Judge: DAN A. POLSTER

Plaintiff,

v.

MAXXUM GROUP, LLC, Tetrapoly, LLC, Alex and Debra Kowalski, Peter Kowalski, Brian Donahue, Tim Carter and Andrew Kowalski

AFFIDAVIT OF NATHAN W. NELSON

Defendants.

STATE OF MINNESOTA	)
	)ss
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN	)

Nathan W. Nelson, being first duly sworn under oath, states as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney with Virtus Law P.L.L.C., attorney for the Plaintiff, CH Robinson Worldwide, Inc., in the above referenced matter.
- 2. I submit this affidavit in support of motion to enforce settlement agreement set before the Honorable Judge Dan A. Polster.
- 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Electronic correspondence between Plaintiff's counsel and Tetrapoly Defendants' counsel.
- 4. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the Electronic correspondence dated April 19, 2010, from Plaintiff's counsel to Tetrapoly Defendants' counsel formalizing the language for the sworn affidavits and inquiring into the \$10,000.00 payment.
- 5. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of the Electronic correspondence dated April 19, 2011 from Tetrapoly Defendants' counsel responding by stating that he was tied up with trial.

- 6. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of the Electronic correspondence dated May 17, 2011 following up with Tetrapoly Defendants' counsel regarding the completion of the sworn affidavits and payment of the \$10,000.00.
- 7. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of the Electronic correspondence dated May 19, 2011 from Tetrapoly Defendants' counsel replying that he just had returned from trial and that he would get back to Plaintiff after speaking with his clients.
- 8. Attached hereto as Exhibit F is a true and correct copy of the Electronic correspondence dated May 24, 2011, May 31, 2011, and June 13, 2011 from Plaintiff's counsel to Tetrapoly Defendants' counsel looking for the sworn affidavits and payment in the amount of \$10,000.00.
- 9. Attached hereto as Exhibit G is a true and correct copy of the Electronic correspondence dated June 13, 2011, from Tetrapoly Defendants' counsel responding that Tetrapoly could no longer pay Plaintiff pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

Further, your Affiant sayeth naught.

Nathan W. Nelson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of September, 2011.

Notary Public

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To: Nathan W. Nelson

Subject: RE: CH Robinson v. Maxxum, et al. - Settlement

That works. I have a meeting on Friday that should be over at about 1:30 EST.

Paul R. Harris Ulmer|Berne|LLP Direct:(216)583-7072

From: Nathan W. Nelson [mailto:nnelson@virtuslaw.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 11:13 AM

To: Harris, Paul

Subject: RE: CH Robinson v. Maxxum, et al. - Settlement

Hello Paul - my court schedule has been crazy. Can I give you a call on Friday afternoon to discuss?

From: Harris, Paul [mailto:pharris@ulmer.com] Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 11:14 AM

To: Nathan W. Nelson Cc: Yeagley, David

Subject: CH Robinson v. Maxxum, et al. - Settlement

Nathan,

Per the message I left with your receptionist today, please give me a call as soon as possible to discuss fulfilling the settlement in the CH Robinson v. Maxxum, et al. matter.

Thanks, Paul

Paul R. Harris



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Nathan,

I am preparing for a 2-week trial in Akron, Ohio that starts on April 25. I forwarded your e-mail to my client and will work with them to get the \$10K moved into our trust account. I will work on affidavits with them after the trial and get them to you as soon as possible.

Best, Paul Paul R. Harris Ulmer|Berne|LLP Direct:(216)583-7072

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Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2011 12:44 PM

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From: Harris, Paul [mailto:pharris@ulmer.com] Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:21 AM



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Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 3:20 PM

To: 'Harris, Paul'

Subject: FW: CH Robinson v. Maxxum, et al. - Settlement

Paul:

Any update from your clients?

Nathan

From: Nathan W. Nelson

Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 2:45 PM

To: 'Harris, Paul'

Subject: RE: CH Robinson v. Maxxum, et al. - Settlement

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Nathan

From: Harris, Paul [mailto:pharris@ulmer.com]

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To: Harris, Paul

Subject: RE: CH Robinson v. Maxxum, et al. - Settlement

Paul.



Wanted to follow up regarding this matter. Are we close to completion?

Nathan

From: Harris, Paul [mailto:pharris@ulmer.com] Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 3:58 PM

To: Nathan W. Nelson

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No problem. Good luck at trial. I will check back with you mid-May.

With kind regards,

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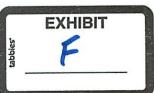
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**Cc:** Tim Fafinski (timf@greenleafgroup.com)

Subject: RE: CH Robinson v. Maxxum, et al. - Settlement

Paul:

We had discussed your clients depositing the settlement funds in your account back in early February. As such, my clients are not inclined to waive the financial portion of the settlement agreement.

Please have your clients finalize their affidavits and remit the sums pursuant to the settlement by Friday, July 1, 2011. If your clients fail to do so we will have no choice but to move the court for an entry of judgment pursuant to the settlement agreement.

With kind regards,

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